

The Japanese man-of-war *Yokohama* passed the Canal for Japan on the 8th April.

Hon. F. A. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper left for Ceylon to-day in the *Myra*.

The *Bombay Gazette* is inclined to exonerate Hongkong of having exported the bubonic plague into the Indian port.

A DESCRIPTION of the International Football Match, England v. Scotland, will be found on the fifth page.

The Royal Engineer Variety Club will give an entertainment on Saturday and Monday in the Theatre, Wellington Barracks. The programme comprises songs and choruses by the Minstrel Troupe, concluding with a military drama, 'Trochary at Candahar.'

A BOMBAY correspondent, writing to *Le Courrier de Saigon*, furnishes some interesting statistics of the results of Dr. Yersin's serum treatment of plague patients. Dr. Yersin himself says it is very important to study how long the patient has suffered prior to treatment. The further advanced the malarial the less efficacious the treatment. The statistics given are as follows:—
17 cases taken on the first day, cured 15, died 2, mortality 12 per cent.
17 cases, second day, cured 11, died 6, mortality 35 per cent.
12 cases, third day, cured 6, died 6, mortality 50 per cent.
3 cases, fourth day, cured 1, died 2, mortality 66 per cent.
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Total—60 cases treated, cured 33, died 17, mortality 34 per cent.

Dr. Yersin is receiving fresh supplies of serum from M. Fraimond at Nhatrang and from M. Roux at Paris. Whilst in Bombay, Dr. Yersin resides with the French Consul, M. Pilinski. It is stated that Dr. Yersin was not provided with such an effective serum as he had when he carried out his plague cures at Canton and Amoy.

Mr. J. R. Crook, Sanitary Surveyor, has submitted his annual report to the Sanitary Board, from which it appears that he has passed during the year plans for the re-drainage of 1,786 houses, which with plans of 1,449 houses carried forward from 1895 made a total of 3,235 in hand during the year. The re-drainage of 2,128 houses has been completed, leaving 1,023 carried forward to 1897. Notices for repairs or additions to the drainage arrangements of 43 houses were carried forward from 1895 and new notices for 328 houses, making a total of 371 for the year; 200 of these have been completed, 9 have been cancelled and 72 are carried forward. On Mr. Ran's inspection in July the work of inspecting the drainage of private premises reverted to Mr. Crook. Since then 377 houses had been inspected, with the result that recommendations were made that 107 should be entirely re-drained, that repairs or alterations should be executed in 102, while 118 houses were found in good and sanitary order. Certificates had been granted during the year to 425 houses as having been built in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance. Terminals had been set out and formed at the South end of the Mount Caroline Cemetery to accommodate 216 graves, which it is estimated would suffice for the ten months reckoned from 1st January, 1897.

The Pollard's Juvenile Opera Company produced 'La Mascotte' last night at the Theatre before a large audience. The opera abounds with pretty songs and duets and there is great scope for a display of the comic element. Master Alf. Goulding in the character of 'Rocco,' the old farmer, made as much of the character as was possible, and at times took up the whole attention of the audience. His absurd bawling play is exceedingly funny. During the whole time he is on the stage he is not a moment idle, and his grumblings and other oddities are side-splitting. For the song 'Can't stop' he received a vociferous encore. Miss Elsie Norwood puts her whole heart and soul into her impersonation of the part of 'Bettina,' and with Miss Moore as 'Pippa' the duet, 'Glow Glou, Doo,' was charmingly rendered. Miss Nell Pollard made a very pretty little Princess, whose capriciousness is the cause of so much unhappiness. For a little girl of eight years her enunciation is marvellous. Her love scene with 'Pippa,' when she asks him to kiss her in presence of two witnesses, had a humorous touch that was very pleasing. Miss Cornie Pollard acted the part of 'Princess Fritellini' exceedingly well, and sang very sweetly 'Love is Blind.' The character of 'Laurent XVII' was safe in the hands of Master Willie Stewart, who put great spirit into his acting. The play and dialogue between him and 'Rocco' was very funny. The dresses and staging were tasteful and pretty. The choruses were harmoniously rendered. The drilling of Prince Fritellini's army was very smartly done. 'La Mascotte' will be repeated to-night, and on Friday and Saturday, the company will play 'Les Cloches de Corneville.'

YANKIE AT THE DOCK.—As Kooloon, Kaban, Krian, Stethalia, Tichioy, Prins Heinrich, Reina Cristina, Comopolon.—Copies.—Aberdeen.—(None).

NO NEW PRISON yet arrived. Two hakers, also cabin and transportation, have been sent for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held at 3 p.m. on Monday next, the bye-laws proposed to confer greater powers upon the Sanitary Board in their treatment of insanitary houses will be discussed. Mr. Whitehead will ask the question of which he gave notice at the last meeting.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Imperial Squadron, Rear-Admiral E. Alexeeff, has been promoted to the rank of Vice-Admiral. On the morning of the 20th April, the flag of the new Vice-Admiral was hoisted on the *Barik* for the first time, and all the Russian men-of-war in Nagasaki harbour, and also H.M.S. *Grafton*, fired a salute of 15 guns.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
LONDON, 4th May, 1897.
FRENCH TROOPS LANDED IN GREECE.
Two hundred French soldiers have landed at Volo, and are patrolling the streets.

THE TURCO-GREEK WAR.
The impression is gaining ground that the Powers will mediate in the quarrel. The Greeks are entirely lacking in stores and munitions.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE TRANSVAAL.
President Kruger, in opening the Volksraad, proposed that the public offices should be closed on Queen Victoria's Jubilee Day. He said that the horizon was still clouded, but he discerned light behind the clouds and hoped that conciliatory methods would dispel them.

WEATHER NOTICE.
The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—
On the 6th at 11.25 a.m. The depression over Central China has deepened considerably. It appears to be moving Eastward and approaching the E. coast. Gradients moderate in the South, steep in the Formosa Channel and on the E. coast. Forecast:—fresh S.W. and W. winds; squally, showery showers.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.
SPANISH VICTORIES.
Senor Don José de Navarro, Spanish Consul, has courteously provided us with a copy of the following telegram, received from Government House, Manila:—
Manila, 5th May, 6.35 p.m.
In successive victories our troops, under the command of the General-in-Chief, captured Buenavista, the fort Quintara, and the villages of Andano, Naig, and Indan, in the provinces of Cavite. All these places were strongly fortified and defended by the rebels, who had 600 men killed and a great number wounded. We took more than 200 prisoners. The rebels asking pardon are every day becoming more numerous. The war operations will be continued and the result will be wired to you.

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(1).—That the most useful and most beneficial manner of permanently commemorating the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria will be to erect a Hospital for women and children and the training of nurses, to be handed over to the Colonial Government, who have undertaken to maintain it in connection with and on the same footing as the Government Civil Hospital, and to subscribe towards the completion of the carriage road round the island, the former to be called the 'Jubilee Hospital,' and the latter 'The Victoria Jubilee Road,' or such other names as may be thought more appropriate by the Committee.

(2).—That this Committee take immediate steps to raise funds from all sections of the community of Hongkong for the purposes of the preceding resolution, and for local celebrations.

(3).—That the money so collected, together with an equal amount promised by the Colonial Government, be deposited at interest in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the name of the Jubilee Committee, and be disbursed by them after paying for the local celebrations—one half towards the erection of the Hospital for women and children and the training of nurses and the other half towards the construction of the first section of the carriage road from Kennedytown to Aberdeen which the Government undertakes to commence forthwith and to carry on the remaining portion of the road until completed.

CHICKET CLUB TOURNAMENT.
The following are a few results of the ties.
DOUBLE HANDICAP (FINAL).
C. C. Platt and F. H. Pollock (owe 16.2 beat T. S. Smith and J. M. Atkinson (owe 15.3).
CLASH SINGLE HANDICAP (SEMI-FINAL).
C. E. Home (owe 15.3) beat D. Wood (receive 15).

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PAIRS (SEMI-FINAL).
W. M. Mayson and A. H. Skelton beat F. H. Pollock and J. S. Bartrum.
CHAMPIONSHIP (FINAL).
Gilson beat Farris (3 to 1).

MUSICAL NOTES.
I am very pleased to learn that the proposal mooted in this column last week in regard to an open air concert by the Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment is likely to assume practical form. I hear that negotiations are in progress for a band concert to be given about the end of the month by the West Yorkshire Regimental band, at the Volunteer Headquarters. It is unnecessary to repeat what I have already said as to the suitability of the place or the excellence of the Band. It only remains for the public to give the entertainment support by their presence, and the success of this and future entertainments is assured, as the programme Mr. Bentley is likely to perform is sure to create a craving for more.

The Pollard Juvenile Opera Company which has opened for a short season at the Theatre is well worth seeing. This wonderful combination is composed entirely of children from eight to thirteen years of age. On the first rising of the curtain the diminutiveness of the company gives one a sudden start of surprise, and the wonder increases when the little mites burst out with great clearness into song. Miss Ina Pollard is possessed of genuine histrionic ability and performs her part with a fortitude which must be the envy of many local amateurs. Her enunciation is as clear as a bell and heard all over the house. I simply take this little mite as an instance of what is possible with children. The other principals are equally as good, and Alf Goulding is a perfect marvel at ten years.

Certain American papers have been directing a crusade against the employment of foreign opera singers, and the high salaries they command. Mr. Jean de Reszke, one of the artists attacked, wrote a very dignified, but very plain reply. He pointed out that, although he was justified in asking for higher terms, he did not do so, that in visiting America his expenses were double what they would be in Europe, while his salary was not correspondingly greater, and that if he consulted his personal comfort, he should most certainly stay among his friends in Europe. He said that his sole reason for promising to return next autumn was to assist Mr. Grace, who would otherwise suffer heavy losses.


It would have been a fitting punishment to the minority in the United States if their cry of 'America for the Americans' were answered by foreign artists leaving them severely alone. Since this reply was written, however, the operatic artists have heaped coals of fire on the heads of their abusers by a most generous act. What with the illness of Madame Melba and Ethel, the Nordica squabble, and the stagnation of business, the directors thought it best to close the Chicago season. The matter, however, was left to Mr. Grace, who decided to finish the tour if \$3,000 were guaranteed. Five of the directors immediately contributed \$4,000. Then, the brothers de Reszke offered \$2,000. Madame Calvé subscribed \$500, and Momm. Lasselle \$400, so that more than half of the required sum was furnished by the much-abused money-grubbing foreigners.

Mr. Dr. Oyley Carte has engaged Mr. Piacore and Mr. Conynne Carr to write the libretto of an operatic drama to be produced at the Savoy when 'His Majesty' is withdrawn. Sir Arthur Sullivan has agreed to compose the music.

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